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DE 89 03 458U English Abstract not available.

FR 2 468 089 discloses that the housing (10) has at least one door (12) provided with a seal. This door is mounted, by means of bearing bushes (13) embedded in its edge and provided with a flange (14), in vertical journals (21) which are seated on a jib (22) of a bearing carrier (23) fastened to the housing (10). The bearing bush (13) is provided with an eccentric (15), on which acts a spring element (25) in the form of a leafspring, fastened to the bearing carrier (23), and which imparts to the door (12), in the range of a small opening angle, a torque acting in the closing direction.

DE 101 17 782 discloses that the invention relates to a refrigerator comprising a housing (8) and at least one door (5) enclosing at least one heat insulated interior space. Said refrigerator also comprises a device for securing the door comprising two elements (9, 10). One element thereof (10) is supported by the door (5) and the other (9) by the housing (8). Said elements perform a relative movement when the door (5) is opened and closed. The first (9) of the two elements comprises a bolt part (21) which can be displaced transversally with respect to the relative movement counter to a restoring force. The second element (10) comprises a protruding part (18) which co-operates with the bolt part. Said bolt part (21) can

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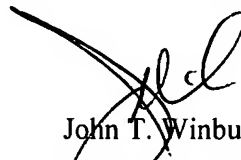
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be displaced by the protruding part (18) counter to the restoring force when the door begins to be opened.

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